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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 TRANSMITTAL

Applicants hereby request continued examination of the above-captioned application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. The application is a non-provisional application that was filed on or after June 8, 1995.

Enclosed with this Request for Continued Examination (RCE) are:

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1) An amendment that is responsive to the final Office action mailed on March 31, 2005.

2) An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), consideration of which is requested.

3) A Petition for a three-month extension of time

Authorization is granted to charge the RCE fee of \$790.00 and the extension of time fee of \$1020.00 (total= \$1810) to Deposit Account No. 50-3067. Any other charges or any credits may be applied to Deposit Account No. 50-3067.

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